

<b>TRANSMITTAL LETTER TO THE UNITED STATES DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US) CONCERNING A SUBMISSION UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371</b>		<b>ATTORNEY'S DOCKET NUMBER</b> <b>2771-682 US</b>
<b>INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION NO.</b> <b>PCT/US2004/033915</b>		<b>U.S. APPLICATION NO. (If known, see 37 CFR 1.5)</b> <b>Not Yet Known</b> <b>10/575556</b>
<b>INTERNATIONAL FILING DATE</b> <b>14 October 2004</b>		<b>PRIORITY DATE CLAIMED</b> <b>14 October 2003</b>
<b>TITLE OF INVENTION: HYDROGEN GENERATION</b>		
<b>APPLICANT(S) FOR DO/EO/US: J. Donald Carruthers, Jose I. Arno</b>		

Applicant herewith submits to the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) the following items and other information:

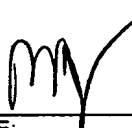
- ☒ This is a **FIRST** submission of items concerning a submission under 35 U.S.C. 371.
- ☐ This is a **SECOND** or **SUBSEQUENT** submission of items concerning a submission under 35 U.S.C. 371.
- ☒ This is an express request to begin national examination procedures (35 U.S.C. 371 (f)). The submission must include items (5), (6), (9) and (21) indicated below.
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- ☒ A copy of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371 (c)(2))
  - ☒ is attached hereto (required only if not communicated by the International Bureau). **International Publication No. WO 2005/037421 as published on April 28, 2005**
  - ☐ has been communicated by the International Bureau.
  - ☐ is not required, as the application was filed in the United States Receiving Office (RO/US).
- ☐ An English language translation of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371 (c)(2)).
  - ☐ is attached hereto.
  - ☐ has been previously submitted under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4).
- ☐ Amendments to the claims of the International Application under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3))
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  - ☐ have not been made and will not be made.
- ☐ An English language translation of the amendments to the claims under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3)).
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- ☐ An English language translation of the annexes of the International Preliminary Examination Report under PCT Article 36 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(5)).

**Items 11 to 20 below concern document(s) or information included:**

- ☒ An Information Disclosure Statement under 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98.
- ☐ An assignment document for recording. A separate cover sheet in compliance with 37 CFR 3.28 and 3.31 is included.
- ☐ A preliminary amendment.
- ☐ An Application Data Sheet under 37 CFR 1.76.
- ☐ A substitute specification.
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- ☐ A second copy of the published International Application under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4).
- ☐ A second copy of the English language translation of the international application under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4).

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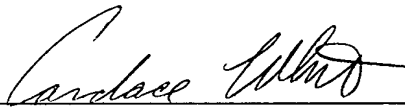
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<b>Applicant(s):</b>	<b>Carruthers, et al.</b>	)	<b>Docket No.:</b> 2771-682 US
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<b>Application No.:</b>	<b>New U.S. National Stage Application of PCT International Application No. PCT/US2004/033915</b>	)	<b>Examiner:</b> Not Yet Assigned
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<b>Priority Date:</b>	<b>14 October 2003 (U.S. Provisional Patent Application No. 60/510,983)</b>	)	
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<b>Title:</b>	<b>HYDROGEN GENERATION</b>	)	<b>Customer No.:</b> 23448
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Submitted herewith for filing under the provisions of 37 CFR §1.53 and 35 U.S.C. §371 is the above-referenced patent application, based on International Patent Application No. PCT/US2004/033915 and claiming priority of U.S. Provisional Patent Application No. 60/510,983. A copy of International Publication No. WO 2005/037421 as published on April 28, 2005 is also included. Further included

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